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Dear Mr Blair

**ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINAL SCOPING REPORT AND THE PLAN OF STUDY FOR
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IN TERMS OF ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION R. 387: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THYSPUNT TRANSMISSION
LINES INTEGRATION PROJECT, EASTERN CAPE PROVINCE**

The Final Scoping Report (FSR) and the Plan of Study for Environmental Impact Assessment (POSEIA), dated 7 August 2009, submitted to the Department for environmental authorisation of the abovementioned project on 14 August 2009 refers. You have submitted this document to comply with the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations, 2006.

Please be informed that comments from this Department's Biodiversity and Conservation directorate are still outstanding. These comments will be forwarded to you as soon as they have been received and they need to be addressed in the final EIR.

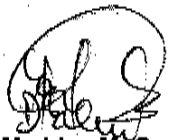
The Department has evaluated the submitted documents and is satisfied that the documents comply with the legal requirements. The FSR and POSEIA are hereby accepted by the Department in terms of regulation 31(1)(a) of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006. You may proceed with the EIA process required in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006.

Please ensure that written comments on the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is obtained from all the relevant authorities and submitted to the Department with the final EIR. This would include but not be limited to Heritage authorities and the Eastern Cape of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs.

Notwithstanding the above, your attention is drawn to the fact that the success of the application may be prejudiced by the information that is incomplete and not following the requirements of the NEMA Regulations.

You are hereby reminded that the activity may not commence prior to an environmental authorisation being granted by the Department.

Yours faithfully



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**Chief Director: Environmental Impact Management
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